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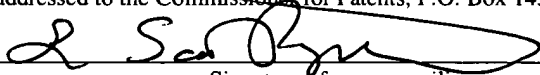
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Application No. 10/653,035 )  
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SPINEL-STRUCTURED METAL OXIDE ON A )  
SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF MAKING )  
SAME BY MOLECULAR BEAM EPITAXY )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Pages 1 and 3 of the specification has been amended as follows. Furthermore, the claims have been amended by canceling claims 1-16 and adding claims 20-36, as shown in the attached claim listing.